



**Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)**  
**PO Box 491**  
**Robertsdale, AL 36567**

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting held January 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, WG0MEZ. There were 25 members and 16 guests present.**

**There was a quorum.**

**Open Meeting, recite pledge of allegiance**

### **Visitors:**

Greg welcomed: Tom Frohnapfel, N8SCH; Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM; Cynthia Tellman, KQ4MHZ; Lee Fry, AA4LF; Dennis Gardner, KK7PBV; Tom Cobb, AA4ADV; Gary Bonner, K4YUC; Conner Bonner; Patty Webb, KO4DMR; Dominic Orgettas; Todd Henderson, KN4NQW; Jamie Henderson; Gene Sauls, KQ4MZH; Doug Hatten, KQ4CLT; John Gruesser, N9LYI; Jonathon Peaden, KQ4DBK.

### **Secretary's report- Christine Ryan**

The Capital City HamFest 2024 will take place in Jackson MS February 2&3. See [hamfest.msham.org](http://hamfest.msham.org) for details. Minutes from previous meetings are posted to the website.

### **Treasurer's Report- Tom Wallace**

Tom reported club treasury activity and balances as of 11/30/2023 and 12/31/2023. Remember that you do not have a vote if your dues are not paid up. If you are new, dues are free but you will need to complete an application to receive club emails.

### **WinLink Activity- John Acton, K7ACT:**

Remember the software for Winlink is free. John posts a new question for the BCARC Winlink Net every Tuesday. It is posted to the club website: N4MZ.com.



John, K7ACT, can help you get started if you are interested in participating in the net.

### **VE Report:**

The first VE testing of 2024 took place 01/06/2024 and resulted in 2 new General Class licensees. The next VE exam is scheduled for 03/02/2024. Contact Joel Emmett, W2BJN, directly for more information.

Ron, N4RT, will be conducting VE exams at Westminster Village on February 17. Contact Ron Thomas, N4RT, directly for more information.

### **OLD Business:**

The Club Christmas Party was a success! It took place December 13 at Wolf Bay Lodge Restaurant in Foley AL.

A call-in Net is being sponsored by hams at Westminster Village in Spanish Fort: 9am Saturday mornings using the National Simplex Calling Frequency – 146.52MHz.

WFD, Winter Field Day will take place January 27/28 at the Boy Scout Camp in Silverhill. Antenna setup will take place on Friday, January 26 at 1pm. You are invited to lunch beforehand at Mac & Jerry's. It is located in Robertsdale on Hwy 59 at Cty.Rd. 52.

WFD: Sat. 1pm until Sun. 1pm. There will be 3 stations – digital, cw, and varied. There may be a Talk-In (for Spotting), using the repeater. Even if you do not come to WFD, you can help the club by working us, N4MZ.

### **New Business:**

Ken Bell, K4EES, hopes that ARES members will become more active in 2024. He would like ARES members to get in some training and FEMA courses; he also wants ARES members to meet each month.

President Greg brought up the question of signage that could be useful for advertising club presence at events where club members volunteer. He also talked about N4MZ club ballcaps as another means of identifying club participation at events (\$15-\$20).



The club currently has several used amateur radios for sale: HF Marine Radio/FT891/IC756Pro/Kenwood. There is also a Kenwood 940S and an IC 706MarkII for sale by one of the visitors. Ask President Greg Powers for information about these radios if you are interested.

### **Program – Joe McIntosh**

The evening's program was a utube video from KE0OG, Ask Dave: Station Grounding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm CDT Submitted, Christine Ryan, Secretary.